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Coming to You by Way of

The General Secretary

An Evangelistic Adventure in India

Endeavorers have launched a new effort to win more youth to Christ in the vast country of India. With the start of the New Year the Assam Gospel Team began its four month program of taking the Good News to thousands. Rev. Solomon Doraisawmy, traveling secretary of the Christian Endeavor Union, is directing the group. Team members have made great sacrifice in this evangelistic enterprise. The leader of the messengers is a government employee who has taken a leave of absence of four months without pay. The India Christian Endeavor Council and participants in the witnessing adventure have asked friends in North America to pray for the work.

Big Dividends

"I can never repay what I owe to Christian Endeavor." Expressions like that are constantly being made. Inventment in youth through Christian Endeavor pays big dividends. Opportunity is now being given through the annual Membership Mobilization of International Society for Endeavorers and friends of youth to contribute to help Christian Endeavor in its vital program for young people. Memberships that are sent to Columbus headquarters before February 28 will be "doubled" by several generous friends of the movement.

For Your Information

Rev. and Mrs. R. Ward Williams, 40 Avenue Bienfait, Constantine, Algeria, are being congratulated on the arrival of a son, David Roy, October 17. Ward is a former field secretary of Illinois and Missouri Unions—*Mr. and Mrs. Clenzo Miles,* 1427 East Capitol Street, S.E., Washington 3, D.C., became the proud parents of a son, Avery Ivan, December 22. Clenzo is president of the Golden Rule Union—*Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Hetrick* 400 Riggs Road, N.E., Washington 11, D.C., are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son November 7. Mahlon is president of the District of Columbia Union—*Dr. Raymond M. Veh,* trustee of International Society and writer of Intermediate topic comments for *The Christian Endeavor World,* was re-elected editor of *Builders* magazine at the General Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church—*Dr. Reuben H. Muller,* trustee of International Society, was elected a bishop at the recent General Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and now lives at 1401 Castle Avenue, Indianapolis 27, Indiana.

A Time For Rededication

The celebration of the 74th anniversary of the founding of Christian Endeavor is a time for rededication of life to Christ and the church. Thousands and thousands of youth around the world will sense a fellowship and unity as they take part in Christian Endeavor Week programs.

Gene Stone

THE STORY OF *Christian Endeavor Week*

Happy Birthday!

FORWARD with CHRIST
Come to Church!
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR
PURPOSE AND PROGRAM OF C. E. W
Theme: "SO SEND I YOU"
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WEEK
Christian Endeavor Week
Westmoor Church Sets Events for CE Week
Christian Endeavor Week
The new packet containing suggestive material for Christian Endeavor Week January 31 to February 7, 1954, is now available. It is one of the finest ever produced. It contains historical material

IT'S Christian Endeavor's birthday! Here's the story of a great Week.

Purpose —

Christian Endeavor Week, January 30-February 6, is being observed to mark the 74th anniversary of the organization and to give special impetus to the work of young people for Christ and the Church.

Theme —

"Christ Our Lord—Man Our Brother" is the emphasis with thought being given to fellowship and unity in Christ.

Participants —

Millions of young people throughout the world in thousands of Protestant churches are taking part in this celebration.

Program —

Christian Endeavor Day, Sunday, February 6, will be the climax of this special week when youth will participate in local church services. Many rallies, banquets, and conferences are scheduled.

Projects —

Christian Endeavor Week is being marked by many particular activities.

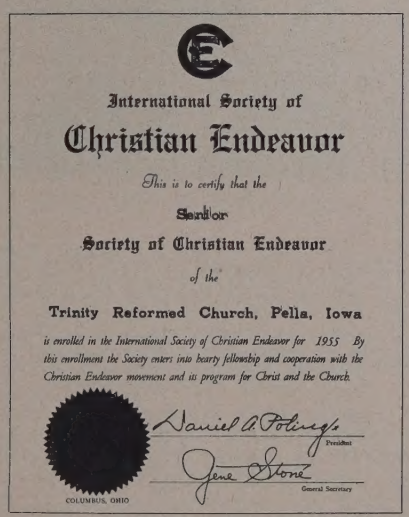
Throughout North America outdoor poster panels are presenting a message. This highway evangelism is an annual feature. It is done in cooperation with individual poster companies who are members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc.

Intensified efforts on the Membership Mobilization of International Society are taking place.

Many societies are enrolling this year as members and will receive special certificates. These certificates will contain blue seals for the groups that make a contribution of $10 or more, red for those giving $25 or more, and gold to the ones contributing $50 or more.

Individuals are helping in the work of International Society by making annual membership contributions of $10. Some are becoming sustaining members by giving $25 or more and others are signing as life members with gifts of $200.

The final day of Christian Endeavor Week marks the deadline for the sending of Notifications of Participation in the fourth annual Citizenship Contest of International Society. Applications of youth must be postmarked no later than February 7 and sent to Rev. Bob Ross, Citizenship Director of International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.


International Society of
Christian Endeavor
This is to certify that the
Senior
Society of Christian Endeavor
of the
Trinity Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa
is enrolled in the International Society of Christian Endeavor for 1955. By this enrollment the Society enters into hearty fellowship and cooperation with the Christian Endeavor movement and its program for Christ and the Church.
President
General Secretary
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Enrollment Certificate

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Trinity Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa, is the first to receive the new enrollment certificate for units becoming annual members of International Society in 1955.

Promoters —

Chairmen for the outdoor poster program in the various unions include the following:

Alabama, Mrs. Margeret Self; *California,* Magdalene Newman; *Colorado,* Larry Miller; *Illinois,* Ernest A. Hayes; *Indiana,* Faye Reasor; *Iowa,* Robert Wallinga; *Maryland,* Wilton J. Boswell; *Massachusetts,* Dorothy Murphy; *Michigan,* Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haines; *Missouri,* George T. Dyer; *New York,* Joan Zimmer; *Ohio,* Herb Sharp; *Oregon,* Dorothy Howes; *Pennsylvania,* Miriam Shopp; *Texas,* Connie Eckard; *Virginia,* Mildred Lipes; *Wisconsin,* Mary Hammerly; *Ontario,* James G. Laing, and *New Jersey,* Raymond Schroeder.

Those who are directors of the 1955 Membership Mobilization in the unions are as follows:

Alabama, Ralph Treadaway; *Colorado,* Mabel Preston; *D. C.,* Donald J. McGeary; *Golden Rule,* Mrs. Vivian S. Foster; *Illinois,* Mrs. Henry Skinner; *Indiana,* Clifford E. Miller; *Iowa,* Barbara Vander Werff; *Kentucky,* Mr. and Mrs. Grad Shoemaker;; *Maryland,* Mrs. Warren P. E. Smith; *Massachusetts,* Herman Decker; *Michigan,* Olive Portinga; *Nebraska,* Mrs. Virginia Wild; *New Jersey,* Allan J. Blair; *North Carolina,* Marcella Thornton; *Pennsylvania,* W. Valroy Redick; *Tennessee,* Gordon Hutchins; *Texas,* Ralph Montgomery; *Virginia,* William W. Jones; *Wisconsin,* Ed Neerhof; *Ontario,* Myrtle Devitt; *Quebec,* Mary Campbell, and *Oregon,* Dorothy Howes.

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Four "CHALLENGERS"..

Outstanding Leaders To Call Thousands of North American Youth To New Dedication for Christ and the Church - - Drs. Poling, Laubach, Templeton, and Judd To Address Convention

FABULOUS AND FASCINATING!

These are words that describe the lives of these men.

CHALLENGING AND CAPTIVATING!

These are words people exclaim when they hear their messages.

These men are Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Dr. Frank C. Laubach, Dr. Charles B. Templeton, and Dr. Walter H. Judd. These outstanding religious leaders and speakers will be heard at evening sessions of the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio, July 11-16.

The schedule for the speakers at the mass meetings is as follows:

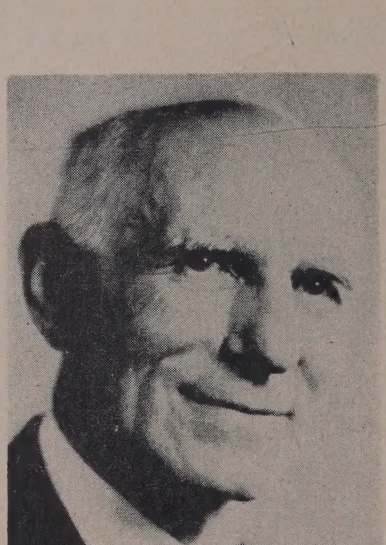
Monday, July 11—
Dr. Daniel A. Poling
Tuesday, July 12—
Dr. Frank C. Laubach
Thursday, July 14—
Dr. Charles B. Templeton
Saturday, July 16—
Dr. Walter H. Judd

Dr. Daniel A. Poling

The keynote speech for the gathering, which will be attended by thousands of North American youth, will be made by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, who has been president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union since 1927.

For more than a generation Dr. Poling has been a dynamic figure in American life and in world affairs. He is a minister of the Gospel, editor, civic leader, novelist, and friend and leader of youth.

The head of the World's Christian Endeavor Union is now on a world tour and will return to New York February 3. This is one of many trips that Dr. Poling has made to spur the work of Christian Endeavor. In his activities he has traveled by air more than a million miles and he has had many thrilling experiences. On one occasion he had breakfast in New York, dinner in Los Angeles, and breakfast the next morning in Honolulu.



DR. FRANK C. LAUBACH

DR. CHARLES B. TEMPLETON

Dr. Poling began his Christian Endeavor career as field secretary of the Ohio Union. Later he became citizenship superintendent of the International Society. He served for a time as associate president and in 1925 became head of the organization. He was succeeded by Dr. Ernest R. Bryan as president at the Toronto Convention in 1949. With the sudden death of Dr. Bryan on December 17, 1954, the Executive Committee of International Society asked Dr. Poling to act as president until the annual meeting July 12 in Columbus.

A Servant of God and Man

The work of Dr. Poling has been stupendous, exceeding the average work of many men.

Dr. Poling Is "Itinerant Preacher"

He reads about a book a day for review p
poses, is editor of CHRISTIAN HERA
magazine, preaches and lectures, and is
author of many books. Dr. Poling has
gaged in much work on radio and TV. W
a young man he ran on the Prohibition ti
for governor of Ohio and polled the lar
vote that party ever secured. In 1951 he
persuaded to run for mayor of the city
Philadelphia and won the Republican no
nation by a landslide, but was defeated in
election.

One of Dr. Poling's sons, Rev. Clark
Poling, was in the group of four chapla
who gave their life belts to other men in
sinking of the U.S.S. DORCHESTER Feb
ary 3, 1943, in the North Atlantic. An in
faith chapel known as "The Chapel of
Four Chaplains" has been built in Philad
phia. Dr. Poling is the chaplain of this cha
Among many activities in which Dr. Pol
is engaged is that of serving as head of

Dr. Laubach's Idea Changed Millions

Everybody Loves "Chuck" Templeton

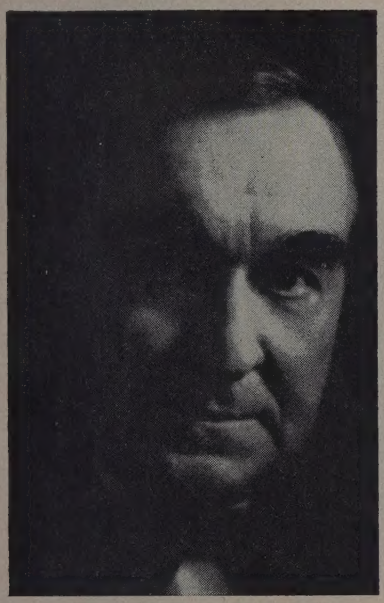
All-American Conference to Combat Communism. He was the "father" of Allied Youth, an organization to help young people in the matter of temperance. The Christian Endeavor leader served as a Y.M.C.A. worker in World War I and a war correspondent in the past war. He held pastorates at Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, and at Grace Baptist Temple in Philadelphia.

Dr. Poling has been known for decades as a fighter for righteousness and one who has been persuasive with his pen and oratory alike.

Dr. Frank C. Laubach

Dr. Frank C. Laubach is the "Apostle to the Illiterates."

This miracle man of mass education has taught more people to read and write than



DR. DANIEL A. POLING

any other person in history. Up to the present time more than 60,000,000 people speaking 244 languages, living in 80 different countries, have learned how to read and write through the idea of this Christian missionary.

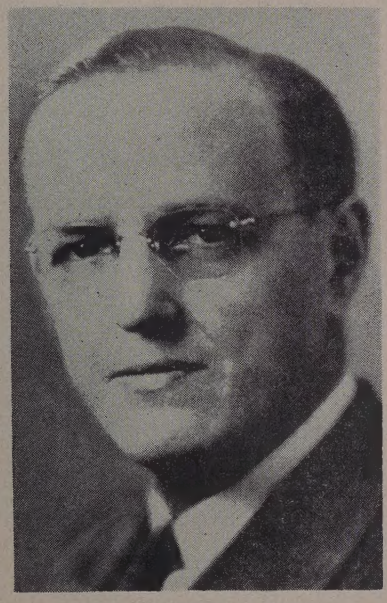
Teacher of Millions

With his "Each one, Teach One" method Dr. Laubach has traveled the globe many times and has opened up a new world to millions as he has led them out of the darkness of illiteracy.

In 1915 he went to the Philippine Islands as a missionary of the Congregational Church. With many successful years behind him as a teacher and missionary in the Philippines, in 1929 a turning point came in his life. Dr. Laubach failed to become president of Union College and Union Theological Seminary in Manila by a single vote. He returned to his place of service at Lanao inhabited by people known as the Moros.

Finding it difficult to get results and disappointed because of his failure to be elected a college president, he was despondent. After special seasons of prayer he received a new vision and found a new love for the people he was serving. He discovered that he needed to learn more about their language and began reducing it to writing. He developed an alphabet and wrote out words to help him. The Moros became interested in the written language. Many came to him and he discovered that great results could be obtained in teaching people to read by the simple method that he devised.

Dr. Laubach has become a world teacher. He is working through the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature of the National Council of Churches of Christ



DR. WALTER H. JUDD

in U.S.A. He has had literacy campaigns in eighty different countries. In fifty-six of these he has been asked and financed by the national governments.

The seventy-year old clergyman has written a number of books, his latest being *Prayer, the Mightiest Force in the World.*

Dr. Charles B. Templeton

A former sports cartoonist for *THE TORONTO GLOBE* is today one of the best known and most effective evangelists. He is Dr. Charles B. Templeton, who is familiarly called "Chuck" by many. A story about Dr. Templeton in *CHRISTIAN HERALD* stated "Everybody Loves 'Chuck' Templeton."

Dr. Templeton, who is a native of Canada, started to work with the newspaper in his home city at the age of 17. He heard the call to the ministry and became an itinerant evangelist, traveling for three years. He then went to the Avenue Road Church in Toronto where he built up the congregation and preached over a network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Dr. Templeton came to the United States in 1949 and studied at Princeton Theological Seminary. After graduation he was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church.

Directs Evangelistic Efforts

For two years he was an evangelist-at-large, holding preaching missions throughout the country and appearing on radio and television programs under the sponsorship of the Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches of Christ. Tremendous crowds attended these meetings. Last September he took over the work as Secretary of the Division of Evangelism of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Dr. Templeton in his activities has spoken to thousands and thousands. He has recently been speaking on a network television program for youth *Look Up and Live.*

"Wanted: More Men Like Judd"

Dr. Walter H. Judd

"Wanted: More Men Like Judd." This is the title of an article that appeared in *Readers' Digest* in 1947. This story was placed in the Congressional Record so that "the public might have a better knowledge of the gentleman from Minnesota."

Dr. Walter H. Judd, who is a physician and was a missionary to China, is now in his sixth term as a member of the United States Congress from Minnesota.

Dr. Judd is a nationally recognized authority on United States foreign policy and is the chairman of the subcommittee on the Far East and the Pacific.

During the presidential campaign of 1952 he was called upon by General Eisenhower to help map the Republican Party's program on foreign affairs. He is now a close advisor to the President and the State Department on foreign policy with special emphasis on our policy in the Far East. He gave the nominating speech for General Eisenhower at the Republican Convention. The 56-year-old legislator is a popular speaker at religious, educational, business, and professional groups. He has been sent to Europe five times and to the Far East four times to study conditions and report to Congress and the executive branch. He is the author of many bills that have been presented before Congress.

Missionary in China

Dr. Judd went to China in 1925 to a mission hospital in the Fukien Province, an area infested with bandits and malaria. He had 46 malaria attacks which nearly killed him and in 1931 it was necessary for him to return to the United States. He went back to China in 1934 and was head of a hospital at Fenchow.

Dr. Judd became aware that Japan was getting ready for war with the United States. He and his wife decided to come home with their children and to tell the story to the United States. He spent two years speaking, asking Americans to boycott Japan. He made 1,400 speeches in 46 states. In 1941 he took up medical practice in Minneapolis and was elected in 1942 to Congress.

Dr. Bryan's Death Caused By Pulmonary Embolism

The report of an autopsy showed that the death of Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, was due to a pulmonary embolism (blood clot) resulting from the accident that he had on November 2. Before knowing the results of the autopsy it was believed that he had died of a heart attack.

Dr. Bryan was stricken suddenly the night of December 17. He fell on a train on his way to Philadelphia November 2 and broke three bones in his right foot.

Hundreds of messages of sympathy and words of tribute have come to the International Christian Endeavor headquarters in Columbus and to Dr. Bryan's widow, Mildred Bryan, from youth and youth leaders in North America and all around the world.

Instead of sending flowers at the time of the funeral of Dr. Bryan, many individuals and groups have sent contributions to the International Society for a memorial to Dr. Bryan. At the present time no decision has been made as to the type of the memorial.

Among messages was a poem, "A Memorial to Dr. Ernest R. Bryan," written by Nelda Thomas of Houston, Texas, who is the assistant secretary of the Lone Star State Union and was "Miss Christian Endeavor of Texas" in 1953.

The Executive Committee of the International Society has asked Dr. Daniel A. Poling to act as president until the annual meeting of the society which will be held in Columbus, Ohio, July 12.

MUSIC COMPETITION

Endeavorers are invited to compete in the annual anthem competition of Capital University Chapel Choir Conductors' Guild. Anthems should be suitable for average church choirs. The contest closes September 1, 1955. For complete information write Everett W. Mehrley, Contest Chairman, Mees Conservatory, Capital Univeristy, Columbus 9, Ohio.

GIVE COMFORT BAGS

Christian Endeavorers in Pennsylvania distributed 1,015 comfort bags to seamen as Christmas gifts. William Hutchinson, floating and welfare superintendent of the state union, was in charge of the project. A total of $1,097.76 was contributed by unions toward the purchase of the bags and supplies.

Kenneth A. MacRae

Peggie Harmon

Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Union recently elected Kenneth A. MacRae of Somerville, to serve as president.

Miss Harmon, a student at Johnson Bible College, Kimberlin Heights, is the new field secretary for the Tennessee Union.

Outstanding Youth Sponsor To Be Honored By Magazine

An outstanding Christian Endeavor sponsor will be given recognition and be sent to the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention in Columbus, Ohio, by *The Lookout,* according to announcement made by Dr. Guy P. Leavitt, editor.

This will be the second time that the magazine has singled out for honors advisors of youth. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest R. Moore of Canton, Ohio, were guests of *The Lookout* at the World's C.E. Convention in Washington.

Only those who are members of Christian Churches or Churches of Christ can be nominated. Nominations are to be endorsed by two people. Nominees are to be sponsors of groups composed of members fifteen years old and above, who hold sessions other than those of Sunday-morning Bible classes. Nominations and supporting information must be in the office of *The Lookout,* 20 East Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio by 5 P.M., March 25.

Interesting!

Two out of three people in the world are colored.

Seven out of ten human beings are non-Christian.

More people in the world speak Chinese than any other language.

There are 294,359 churches and synagogues in the United States today.

Americans paid more than $1,000,000 to see the motion picture Martin Luther since it was released to commercial theaters in September, 1953.

One half of the world can not read or write.

Next to Christianity there are more followers of Moslem faith than any other.

Church-building in the United States in 1953 cost $474,000,000, according to the United States Department of Commerce.

A Memorial To DR. ERNEST R. BRYAN

by Nelda Thomas

"For Christ and the Church" was his motto
And Christian Endeavor, his love,
And I'm quite sure he was ready
To continue his service above.

To the lepers of Kalaupapa,
To Japan and India, too,
He traveled to do the work
That Jesus would have him do.

For he believed in spreading
The gospel far and wide,
And so his beloved C.E.
Prospered with him on their side.

He never shirked his duty,
But, smiling, he always came thru.
By trusting in the Lord for strength,
He did as Christ would do.

And now, oh God, please carry him
To his place in Zion.
And we shall always remember
Your servant, our friend, Dr. Bryan.

HOLD UNITED PRAYER TIME

Leaders in the Southern Region of Christian Endeavor are observing a united prayer time each day at 7:30 A.M. Mozelle Dick of Greensboro, North Carolina, is chairman for this effort.

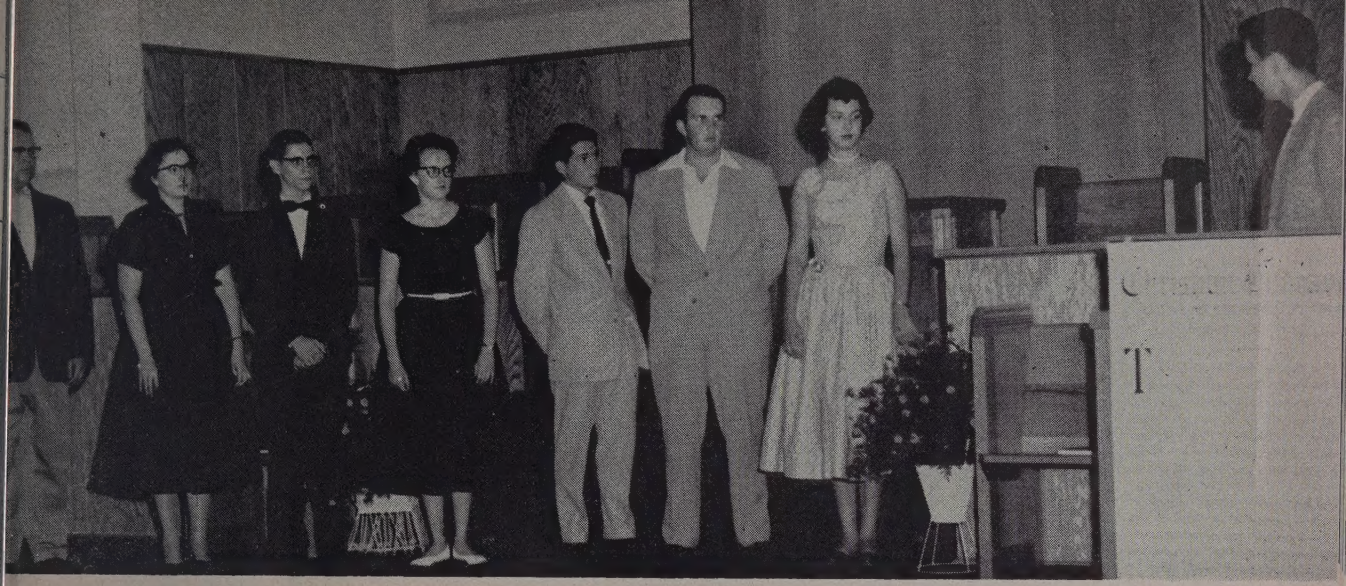
GIVE TV SERIES

North Carolina Endeavorers recently gave a series of programs over Station WFMY-TV, Greensboro.

Join the host of youth and friends of youth who are supporting the Membership Mobilization of International Society of Christian Endeavor. Enroll today.

Awards For Go-Getters

Valuable awards will be given in contests that are being held for THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD and JUNIOR CE MEETINGS. These contests begin during Christian Endeavor Week and will close June 1. Anyone may enter. Subscriptions that are obtained for THE WORLD or JUNIOR CE MEETINGS count toward awards. The top prize in each contest will be $200 toward expenses of attending the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Columbus, Ohio. Other valuable awards are offered. For further details write Harold E. Westerhoff, Publisher, THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.



Operation Christian Endeavor

ENDEAVORERS TAKE OFFICE (above)—Rev. Bob Ross installs leaders of Knox County (Indiana) Union at rally in Reel Avenue Christian Church, Vincennes. Pictured (left to right) are: Rev. Jack Hann, sponsor; Ruth Ann Tolson, song leader; John Winter, treasurer; Sandra Waggoner, secretary; Larry Fox, second vice-president; Jack Wolfe, first vice-president; Eunice Burkey, president, and Rev. Bob Ross, educational secretary of International Society.

ENDEAVORERS WITNESS IN PARADE (left)—Roanoke Union takes part in annual Christmas event of city. Those portraying the Nativity scene are (left to right): Jimmy Brown, Walter Lee and Douglas Moore, wisemen; Juanita Fleenor, angel; Janette Riddle, Mary, and Andy Conner, Joseph.

ENDEAVORERS HONOR LEADER (right)—Vernon Gerber was surprised with a "This Is Your Life" program January 8 at Fredericksburg, Ohio, by members of Wayne County (Ohio) Union and other friends. Vernon of Dalton, Ohio, has held many positions in Christian Endeavor in his local society, the county union and state organization. He is in charge of registrations for the International Convention to be held in Columbus in July. In the picture Roy Amstutz, master of ceremonies, is at the front left, Vernon Gerber, honored guest, at center, and Paula, Vernon's wife, seated.

Program Planning

HAVING considered the need, the organization, and the leadership of a Young Adult group the next step is a program and a plan of action for effective results. In planning a program, make certain that all items contribute to the purpose of Christian Endeavor, giving emphasis to the four principles of this international, interracial, and interdenominational movement:

1. Confession of Christ
2. Service for Christ
3. Loyalty to Christ's Church
4. Fellowship with Christ's people

Young adults are mature enough to plan their own programs and activities, so no attempt will be made here to give "ready-baked" or "packaged programs," although these are available. We shall merely list some guiding suggestions.

Consider first the vital interests, needs, and problems of your members. Let them have a part in planning the program through discussions, interviews, and interest-finders. Use such methods as will secure participation and challenge the interest of young adults. Sharing with others in study, worship, discussion, and action because they themselves find these things worthwhile is at the heart of effective work—not something someone else has decided they need.

Make It a "Balanced Diet"

Provide a "balanced diet" between study groups, forums, and Christian social action. The United Christian Adult Movement suggests the following seven-fold classification of adult study, worship, and action as a well balanced program for the local church:

1. The Bible in Life
2. Personal Faith and Experience
3. Christian Family Life
4. Church Life and Outreach
5. Community Issues
6. Major Social Problems
7. World Relations

Abundant source materials are available for planning programs. In this book topic suggestions are given for weekly programs throughout the year. The "Young Adult Workshop," packed with program ideas, has featured a page in each issue of *The Christian Endeavor World* since 1951. Use this "workshop" page.

Your own denomination probably has material waiting for you right now, and your pastor will tell you to what officer or department to write for both free initial helps and low-cost program material.

In program-planning your unit may find it helpful to consider the interdenominational groups or activities you've heard about and determine how much you know about each.

Sources On All Hands

Take a look at your own community as a source of program materials—its problems and needs and how your Young Adult group can help. Use its institutions, schools, seminaries, and libraries. Call upon people in important positions who can contribute much to your programs.

For more definite suggestions, *Learning for Life* gives study units facing up to critical problems in Christian living, prepared by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches (Chicago, Illinois). *Brace Up Your Minds* is another publication of undated units suitable for discussion purposes, obtainable from the Board of Education of The Methodist Church (Nashville, Tennessee). *Successful Programmes for Young Adults Groups and Young Married Couples Groups* offers successful program ideas as well as suggestions for family observance of holidays, prepared by the Young Married Couples' Council of the United Church of Canada (The Ryerson Press, Toronto, Ontario, Canada).

Young Adult plans, as now proposed, do not necessarily separate the married from unmarried members, although separate groups are suggested if the number of young adults in your church permits. There are numerous topics interesting to young couples that have no immediate appeal to the unmarried worker-away-from-home. Also the baby-sitter needs (and costs) may sometimes curtail the number of events per year scheduled by a couples group, as compared to the possibilities for the unmarried Young Adults.

In selecting a subject for discussion, bear in mind that all aspects of, say Christian Citizenship, cannot be covered in one meeting. Settle on one major interest of the subject on which the group will pool its ideas, with the expectation that a program of action will develop from the young adults' own concept of a need to be met.

Techniques For Presentations

Vary the techniques used in presenting the subjects selected. Some of the well-known ways of leading Christian Endeavor meetings include:

Short talks by several members on the subject, with the leader weaving them together.

Group discussion, with members expressing their attitudes, knowledge or experience related to the topic, with the leader drawing all into participation.

Forum in which speaker presents new information or focuses attention on a problem, after which members of the group ask questions and discuss particulars.

EDITOR'S NOTE — ***This month's Workshop quotes from the new book, "With Young Adults In Christian Endeavor," written by Phyllis G. Brown and Bert H. Davis. This publication will shortly be off the press and will give information about organizing and carrying out Young Adult programs together with topic suggestions. It can be secured through International Society.***

Young Adult Workshop

Symposium, a discussion technique in which three or more persons point out differing approaches to a problem, following which members of the group may discuss the various points of view.

Panel discussion, in which three or more persons exchange different ideas and question one another in a conversational approach to a central issue, guided by a moderator.

Guest speaker, an expert who presents some special information, stimulates or challenges the group.

Role-playing or skits demonstrating "What Would You Do?" on certain problems in which young adults work out a plan of action. Demonstrate how you would help a returning veteran, just finishing his military stint, find his way back into civilian life and the life of the church, or how you would go about enlisting a newcomer to town in your Christian Endeavor group.

Buzz sessions, a good technique for large groups to get full participation, in which members divide into groups of six people each and discuss a given suggestion or question for six minutes. One member is selected from each small group to present its conclusions to the entire group. (This method is sometimes known as "Phillips 66," as these large-group discussion meetings were pioneered by J. Donald Phillips, head of adult education at Michigan State College.)

Huddle groups use the small group approach in discussion, with the leader raising significant questions.

Book reviews and study groups interest many Young Adult societies.

Audio-visual aids include pictures, film strips, sound recordings, films, flip charts, flannel boards, posters, and hand objects in making effective presentations of various subjects.

ast Call For Citizenship Entries

o young people will have their way to the International Christian Endeavonvention in Columbus July 11-16 vill receive $200 each as awards for top winners in Christian Endeavor's n citizenship contest.

uth who wish to have an opportunity n these awards and other honors must the first step by sending a Notificaof Participation postmarked no later February 7 to Rev. Bob Ross, Citizen- Director, International Society of tian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad , Columbus 16, Ohio.

wards totaling $1,000 plus the trips e convention will be given.

inners will be decided by the merits A Letter to My Congressman" (or, for dian youth, "A Letter to My M.P.") o exceed 1,000 words on the subject *eak For Christian Citizenship* and a nship service record of the individual. ere will be judging in states and prov- regions, and then for the final Intional awards. The letter and service d must be in the hands of the judges e state or province by March 1.

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February 7 is Deadline in Annual Contest - Awards Total More than 1,000.00 and Trips to Columbus

The contest this year is in two divisions, one for youth who have not reached their 17th birthday by February 7, 1955 and the other for those who are 17 and over but have not reached their 25th birthday by February 7, 1955.

Additional information concerning the contest may be secured by writing to the International Society headquarters.

The Christian Basis of Citizenship

Youth writing in the contest will find help in some of the literature published by Christian Endeavor such as the leaflets *What Is Christian Citizenship?* and *A Vital Program For Youth.*

In the outlined program of the biennial theme of Christian Endeavor, "Forward With Christ," there is a section under "Christian Witness" that urges youth to "emphasize the Christian basis of citizenship both in community and country."

Suggestions that are given include the following:

1. Study the contribution of Christian thought and ideals to the growth and continuance of democracy. Stress the importance of character as a requisite for efficient self-government.

2. Survey the social needs and services of your community. Seek a better understanding of the causes of existing evils such as drinking, dope, gambling, immorality, delinquency and crime.

3. Support all crusades for community betterment. Become informed and aggressive.

Columbus Convention Trip Award in WORLD Contest

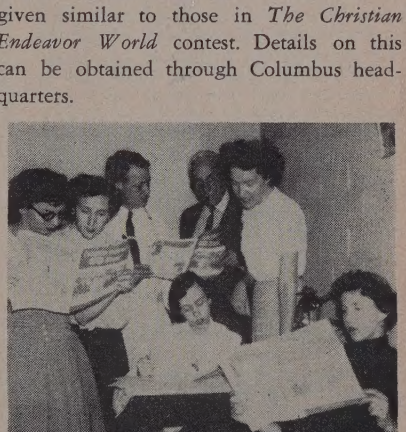
Youth have opportunities to win valuable awards in a contest of *The Christian Endeavor World* which starts during Christian Endeavor Week.

The grand prize is $200 toward expenses of attending the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention in Columbus, July 11-16. If the individual is not able to go to the convention a cash award of $150 will be presented. Christian Endeavorers and friends are all eligible to get into the competition. Employees of Christian Endeavor may not compete.

Awards will be presented on the basis of subscriptions received for *The Christian Endeavor World.* These can be for single subscriptions at the rate of $1.50 per year, five copies mailed to one address at $6 per year, or ten copies mailed to one address, $10 per year.

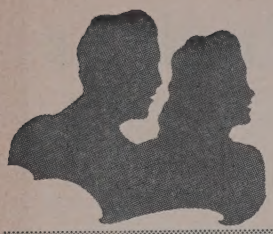
Beside the top prize many other valuable awards will be given to those competing. Entry blanks and additional information including special forms for subscriptions and sample copies of *The Christian Endeavor World,* may be secured by writing to Harold E. Westerhoff, Publisher, *The Christian Endeavor World,* 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

A subscription campaign is also being conducted by *Junior CE Meetings,* a quarterly for Junior societies. Awards will be given similar to those in *The Christian Endeavor World* contest. Details on this can be obtained through Columbus headquarters.



Catching Up On The News

Leaders at Executive Committee meeting of Texas Union in Houston are shown reading the article in "The Christian Endeavor World" about the crusade against obscene literature by Endeavorers in the Lone Star State. Shown left to right are (standing) Carolyn Arnold, Jo Ann Minchey, Charles Wilson, Fred Porter, and Mary Moffitt. Seated are Nelda Thomas and Carole Carpenter.



The Lord's Prayer

No. 2 in a Series:

"Treasures from the New Testament"

Matthew 6:5-18

Senior-Young People — *MARCH 6* —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Treasures from the New Testament is the title of this series of four topics. It forms a compact unit for the study of some of the choicest parts of the Bible. Last week (given in the January issue of *The Christian Endeavor World*) we considered the message and meaning of *The Beatitudes*. Today's topic *The Lord's Prayer* takes us into a new area of investigation. The emphasis will, of course, be on prayer. The leader should give some review of the Lord's Prayer itself, pointing out its meaning and its modern application. In addition, he should also bring special emphasis on the subject of prayer in general, and of the personal privilege of prayer in particular. There is so much to say on this matter that a brief leader's talk should be easy to prepare. Good discussion can be expected, but let the leader remember, this is really a *teaching* topic. It is not so much open to expression of opinion and discussion as it is to impress emphatically the power and certainty of prayer. The purpose is to teach the need of prayer, and the best method for it. Let the leader pray much that he may first experience its benefits.

Since this is Consecration Sunday, there should be time set aside for this purpose also. When the society roll is called, perhaps the answer could be given by Scripture verses relating to prayer, or by a prayer. Better yet, each member could state a promise for some new step forward in prayer. Those who do not pray daily could determine to do so; those who are irregular could promise to be more faithful. And those who know the blessing of regular personal prayer could "launch out into the deep" in some new aspect of it.

Bible Portions

M., Feb. 28. Seeking And Finding. **Matt. 6:33,34.**
T., Mar. 1. Knocking And Opening. Matt. 7:7.
W., Mar. 2. Asking And Receiving. James 1:5-7.
T., Mar. 3. Temptations Rejected. Luke 4:1-13.
F., Mar. 4. A Parable on Prayer. Luke 18:9-14.
S., Mar. 5. The Effectual Prayer. James 5:13-16.
Sun., Mar. 6. Topic—The Lord's Prayer. Matt. 6:5-13.

The Lord's Prayer

The wonderful and comprehensive prayer that we know by this name is probably the most widely used portion of all the Holy Scriptures. It is used frequently, by some even several times daily; it is often prayed without the realization that it is a part of the Bible. First of all, let's remember to always *pray* these marvelous words. Too often the leader of a meeting or class will say "Now let us *repeat* the Lord's Prayer (or the Mizpah Benediction, or 'Christian Endeavor Benediction')." To repeat is not enough; let us always say *"pray* the Lord's Prayer," then be sure that it is ever the expression of our own thoughts and faith.

Another thing that we might keep in mind is that this which we call the "Lord's Prayer" is in reality the "Disciples' Prayer." It is for us to pray. It is a pattern for our further prayer expression. The Lord's own prayer, the great one that He spoke to His Heavenly Father, is found in John 17. A study of this is most rewarding.

The Scripture Setting

This gracious prayer taught by our Lord has had continuous life through all the generations since it was first spoken. When the disciples, according to Luke's description, came to Jesus and said, "Lord, teach us to pray," this was His wonderful reply. It is considered that this passage in Luke's 11th chapter is the central New Testament passage on prayer. In the Sermon on the Mount, from which our Scripture lesson today has been taken, Jesus had announced a new basis for prayer. This new basis was relationship with God. The believer in Christ is a child of God by his spiritual birth. Thus is established the reasonableness of prayer. God is more than a Creator and more than a Maker of Eternal Law. Even above this is the family relationship He has chosen to hold with us. His own Son said to us, "When ye pray, say, 'Our Father—'." What He may do in His own family concerns only Him, and them, and is a matter of divine promise and revelation. Even science, which deals only with natural phenomena, cannot intrude there. We are God's family by faith. Prayer is our conversation and fellowship together. Prayer is therefore a child's petition to an all-wise, all-loving, all-powerful Father-God. The Lord's Prayer is a pattern for it.

The Meaning

The meaning of this prayer is so magnificent and so all-encompassing that it is difficult to imagine how so much could be so eloquently formed into one brief passage. It has been of inestimable value to all Christian believers of every age. There is nothing that has ever superseded this prayer. Despite this however, it is not intended to be the "last word" for all our prayers; it is but the beginning. It is the *model* for all prayers. Upon this perfect pattern, every Christian is expected to prepare his expressions of prayer. Often, even "moment by moment," we are to pray, always using the spirit and character of this model.

In this we find all the necessary elements of a prayer. There is adoration and ascription of praise; there is submission to God's will, there is seeking of forgiveness, there is intercession for others, there is petition; indeed it is a creed and a way of life in addition. Here also we find incomparable direction for all prayer. It teaches that right prayer begins with worship; puts the interests of the Kingdom before personal interest; accepts in advance the Father's will, whether He grants or withholds; and it petitions for present need, leaving the future days to the Father's care and love. While it is based upon legal ground, rather than Church, it is an ideal form of expression.

Its Implication Today

There is much of today in this prayer. We may well use it, as to content and outline, and we are blessed by its completeness. It is not sufficient for our daily personal worship however. Let us follow all its details, capture its spirit, indeed *pray* this so-called Lord's Prayer daily—but we must go on from there a long way. Prayer must always be an intimate expression of the individual's own emotions, needs, and feelings. It must be up-to-date, even to the minute. We close our prayers now in Jesus' Name, and we trust in His intercession and grace.

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To study anew the Lord's Prayer.
2. To help us to learn to pray.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why is the Lord's Prayer really the "Disciples' Prayer"?
2. Take the Lord's Prayer phrase by phrase, and discuss the meaning in your own words.
3. Why is the "Our Father" attitude so precious to us?
4. What does "Thy Kingdom come" mean?
5. What may it cost us to pray "Thy will be done"?
6. What is the great teaching involved in the "daily bread" portion?
7. What is the lesson of forgiveness involved?
8. How does the portion regarding "temptation" and "evil" help us today?
9. Is the Lord's Prayer enough for our daily prayer experience? Why?
10. Of what parts should every prayer consist?
11. How often and when should one pray?

A SEED THOUGHT

"Prayer is a child's petition to an all-wise, all-loving, and all-powerful Father-God."

The Lord's Prayer

No. 2 in a Series:
"Treasures in the New Testament"

Matthew 6:6-15; John 4:27-34

Intermediate — *MARCH 6* —

Our Aims

1. To truly understand this prayer which we pray so frequently.
2. To stress that prayer was the secret of Jesus' power.
3. To develop our own personal prayer life.

Think On These Questions

1. What is the difference between repeating the Lord's Prayer and praying the Lord's Prayer?
2. When Jesus gave this prayer to His disciples, He made it suitable for us today. What are some characteristics of the prayer that make it universal and everlasting?
3. Jesus gave us this prayer in short, simple, and straightforward language. Do prayers have to be brilliant and lengthy to be heard of God?
4. Compare the characteristics of the Lord's Prayer with prayers found in a book of prayers or hymnal.
5. How is Jesus our instructor in prayer?
6. Why must prayer be sincere to be answered?
7. Do we have access to the Father at any time, anywhere, about anything?
8. When we pray must we link our prayers with a forgiving spirit? Why?

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

To the Leader

The most widely used passage of Scripture is the Lord's Prayer. Religious groups everywhere know and use it. At a meeting of world religions at the Chicago Fair of 1893, the Lord's Prayer was used as the opening prayer. There are few in our country who have not attended some meeting where the Lord's Prayer was used.

The leader of the meeting should endeavor to lead the group into thinking what the prayer means and into making it their very own. We say many times, "Let us repeat The Lord's Prayer," when we mean "Let us pray The Lord's Prayer." Jesus intended we should make it our prayer.

For this meeting the Bible should be open on a table in the front of the room. Hofmann's picture of Jesus kneeling in the Garden should hang above the Bible. Before each section of the prayer is studied ask the members to look at the picture while that section is read from the rear of the room. For a closing service of consecration, use "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte as special music.

The Story of the Eagle's Egg

C. E. Locke in his *Manual of Prayer* tells the delightful story of a farmer boy who placed a setting of eggs beneath a goose. Among the goose eggs was the egg of an eagle which the boy had secured one day high upon a mountain ledge. When the eggs were hatched of course one of them yielded an eaglet. Ignorant of its ancestry it strutted about the barnyard with its waddling web-footed companions. One day a proud eagle, soaring above the barnyard, recognized the eaglet. It flew low and touched the young bird. Something instinctive was awakened in the small bird and it began to exercise its wings. In time it discovered it could rise from the earth a little. Each day it arose a bit further until one day the older bird, flying beneath it, allowed the younger bird to rest upon its strong pinions. This process was continued from day to day until the inexperienced bird was taken higher and higher. Finally, the day came when it, too, like the older eagle, could rise to great heights in the sky and build its nest among the great crags of the mountain heights.

When we allow the spirit of Christ to touch us there is awakened in us an inborn royalty. We respond to His touch and gradually by His strength we leave our low vaulted skies to follow Him to lofty pinnacles of heavenly truth and beauty. This is prayer.

Some of those pinnacles are in the great prayer which the Master taught His disciples. Never, before or after, has anything been spoken or written which has equalled the Lord's Prayer in its fullest significance.

Study the Prayer

The Salutation

When we pray, we should address our heavenly Father. Jesus did it by saying, "Our Father, who art in heaven." Jesus never argued the point of the fatherhood of God. He was so sure of it that His very certainty convinced others. What does the fatherhood of God mean to a young person who is an orphan? How do we "hallow" the name of God? The fatherhood of God and revering the name of God means we are children of God and members of the great human family. Does this make life worth more for each of us? How does this change our attitude toward those of another race? Can we ever hate anyone for whom we have prayed and are praying?

The Petitions

(a) *Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done.* Great leaders of the church today are saying that God's Kingdom has come. We must accept it. The order by which we are to live is not something to be fought for, rather it is an order by which we live. To do this means we are doing God's will. What are the boundaries of the Kingdom of God? Are they racial, national, economical? Does the Kingdom of God refer to all of life ("on earth") or just that which is of the spiritual world ("in heaven")?

(b) *Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread.* This is the only part of the prayer that could be made strictly for ourselves. Yet if we have our daily bread, can we be satisfied as a Christian until everyone has his daily bread? The concern here is not to lay up for the "rainy day" nor to have too much concern for "the morrow." Jesus said, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow." This statement is in harmony with the Lord's Prayer. Interpret it in the light of our present day concern for social security, insurance, and bank deposits. Could it be that Jesus answered this question in Matthew 6:33?

(c) *Forgive Us Our Debts.* This is one of the hardest sections of the prayer for us to pray truthfully. What is a debt to God and is it any different from a debt to our fellowman? Why do some people think others should forgive them when they refuse to forgive? Is there a place in this part of the prayer for the statement, "I will forgive but not forget?" What is involved in forgiving? How much did Jesus forgive when He prayed, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do?"

(d) *Lead Us Not Into Temptation.* This is a most unusual petition. Does God tempt us? If God does not tempt us to evil, does God tempt us to good? See how God tempts us to do good in James 1:13, 14. We should be prepared for evil temptations before the temptations come. How would many young people be saved from tragedy if they would follow this practice?

Doxology

The closing section of the prayer reaches a high expression of our Christian faith. We ascribe everything we are or hope to be to God and His way of life. The Gospel of Luke does not include this section in the Lord's Prayer. Do you think this adds to the Prayer?

The Right Kind of Prayer

There is a story of an angel sent from heaven to earth to find the purest prayer. He heard a wise man pray for more wisdom, a rich man pray for more riches, and a poor man complain of poverty. He sadly turned away from such prayers because they were self-centered. Then he heard a child's voice from a poor home. The child prayed, "Please God, make my dear daddy well for mother's sake. Amen."

The purest prayer had been found. It was pure because it was unselfish.

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray he gave them the wonderful model, The Lord's Prayer. It is our pattern for praying. It should be used often in our Endeavor meetings. The outstanding characteristic of this prayer is its unselfishness. Our prayers must be unselfish.

Faith in God is essential for effective prayer. Is your faith trusting and genuine? All prayers are answered with "yes," "no," or "wait."

From God's Word

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T., Mar. 1. Knocking And Opening. Matt. 7:7.
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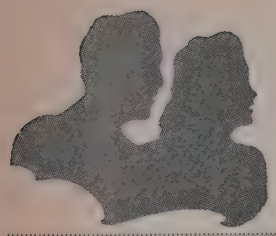

I Corinthians 13

No. 3 in a Series:
"Treasures from the New Testament"

I Corinthians 13; I John 4:7-21

Senior-Young People — *MARCH 13* —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

Our series *Treasures from the New Testament* continues with a study of *I Corinthians 13*. In the past two weeks we have reviewed *The Beatitudes and The Lord's Prayer*. Next week we consider our Christian Endeavor Chapter, Romans 12. Today we turn the search-light of investigation upon this wonderful chapter that is universally known as the "Love Chapter." Its message is a startling one on human relationships. The theme is love, and much is said about it, much that we need to know and practice. The leader should prepare a brief message in which he may lay the ground-work for an intelligent discussion of the topic. The meaning of the word "charity" and its translation as "love" should be explained. Also the various illustrations of the character of Christian love, given in verses 4 through 8, should be pointed out. Try to bring out modern illustrations of such love; also of a failure to practice it. The leader might well read the other topics of this series, to catch the spirit and purpose of the whole, that they may form a more complete unit. Through it all there should be constant reminder that this and other magnificent teachings are among the "treasures" of the New Testament.

The Love Chapter

I Corinthians 13 has long been called the Love Chapter, and is one of the finest in the Bible. It is probably the most familiar portion of any of Paul's letters. Every generation of Christendom has found in it a great stimulus for Christian living and thought. It contains reasons for the importance of this essential Christian virtue. It gives a clear set of teachings of what it consists. It speaks of its final victory and durability.

Perhaps one confusing element to some is the reference to *love,* when this word does not occur in the entire chapter. At least it is not found in the King James Version, still considered to be the finest of the versions of the Bible. Rather, the word *charity* is the theme of the chapter. Wherever this word appears, and specifically in verses 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 13, it is to be translated as *love.* The reason for this is that the meaning of charity has been greatly altered by usage in the passage of time. Originally it meant what we now know as Christian love. It implies good will and compassion, Christian attitude and concern. It did not mean the giving of alms or welfare assistance as we have come to interpret the meaning today. Hence the New Testament use of the word *charity* can always be considered to mean *love.* This is *Christian love,* or "good will in action." It is not to be confused with the shallow sentimental meaning, or that relating to sex, and its deeper implications. It represents the unfailing practice of our Christian teaching and concern for our family and all others.

A SEED THOUGHT
"Love is the greatest power for good."

The Scripture Setting

This chapter is found in the first of Paul's Epistles to the Church at Corinth. The general theme of the entire letter, or Book of Corinthians, is "Christian conduct." The epistle has come from the Spirit through the Apostle Paul's grief, solicitude and holy indignation over the conduct of those early Christians of the city of Corinth. They were not having proper Christian attitudes and they were not practicing the basic virtues required by our faith. Hence it was proper that he should remind them, and us, that the primary Christian duty is love. Its importance may be seen when we realize that he placed this teaching strategically between the teaching regarding the Lord's Supper (chapter 11) and that about the Resurrection (chapter 15).

The Meaning

A careful study should be made, verse by verse, of the deep and wonderful meaning of this chapter. It is divided into three general sections. The first three verses give as a background the vital importance of the Christian virtue of love. Though we speak and preach with great eloquence and power, without love we are as useless noise. Though we have all gifts, all knowledge, and endless faith, we are nothing. Though we sacrifice, even unto death, it will do us no good if we have not love.

Then verses 4 through 8 give a clear picture of what love *is* and *does.* Realize that it is not enough to merely endure; there must be kindliness with it. Attitude, conduct, and even thought, are included in these requirements. The lasting, unalterable character of true love is placed in prominent setting. Supremely the 8th verse declares without fear of contradiction, *Love never faileth.* This sums up so much! Study these requirements and discuss their meaning. Compare other versions or translations of the Bible, as the Revised Standard, Moffatt, Goodspeed, Weymouth, etc. They will shed even more light, and are interesting.

The final verses, 8b through 13, remind us that nearly all other things will pass away. Love abides, and in Heaven will be more fully understood. The 12th means "Now we see dimly, as in a mirror, but then we shall see face to face. Now we know these things partially; then shall we understand more as God understands." Finally we are assured that faith and hope and love abide forever,—but even of these bright gems, love is the finest. Love is the only of these virtues that we shall be able to take into Heaven! Faith will become fulfillment, and hope will then be reality. Love will abide.

The Implication Today

No more perfect concept of a relationship to Christ and to our fellow-men can be fathomed. This is the ideal standard. We may see clearly all around us the effects of sincere, endless love. We can see likewise what happens in our world when love is not practiced. Think over the many examples of Christians who have given themselves with abandon in Christ's Name to love as a Way of Life. Think of those won to the Kingdom by demonstrating the way of love. Give definite examples of the fruits of lives of love; also give examples of lives of selfishness. The writer of this topic has read this Love Chapter every day for the past twenty-three years, in addition to regular devotions, and is grateful for the privilege. He recommends that Christian young people read it daily for at least three months; it will change their lives.

AIM OF THE TOPIC
1. To study anew the "Love Chapter."
2. To help us know Christian love, and help us practice it.

FOR DISCUSSION
1. Why is I Corinthians 13 called the Love Chapter?
2. Why is it a real "treasure" of the New Testament?
3. Is love necessary in the Christian Life? Why?
4. Do you think it possible to practice Christian love in our world today? Give reasons for your belief.
5. What is Christian love?
6. Contrast the results of love with those of hate.
7. What is meant by "Love never faileth"?
8. Give several examples of unfailing love.
9. Why is love greater than faith or hope? Do you agree?
10. How can we keep the commandment given us in I John 4: 21?

From The Book of Books

M., Mar. 7. Considering Others. Phil. 2:1-5.
T., Mar. 8. Love is Fair Play. Luke 6:27-38.
W., Mar. 9. A Great Decision. Ruth 1:16-18.
T., Mar. 10. Servant of The Lord. II Tim. 2:24-26.
F., Mar. 11. The Image of God. II Cor 3:18.
S., Mar. 12. God's Love to Us. Romans 5:6-10.
Sun., Mar. 13. Topic—I Corinthians 13; John 4:7-21.

Our Aims

To come to know more really familiar portion of one of Paul's ers.

To catch the meaning of love sted in human life.

To see how others can be won Christ through demonstrating the of love.

Questions For Discussion

What is love?

Does love never fail? What about us' love for Judas? For the man persistently resists Christ?

Does love always get immediate ults? What does Paul have to say ut this?

Is there a greater need for love ay than there was prior to the out- ak of war?

Why is it so hard to love our mies?

How many illustrations can you from the Bible in which love not fail?

Is our love for God and Christ real and deep as it should be?

What can Christian Endeavorers to further the cause of brotherly in the world?

nments by Raymond M. Veh

Greatest Thing in the World

l, after eighteen months at Corinth, left Aquila and Priscilla for Ephesus. It is bly from this point that the epistle to Corinthians was written. The thirteenth er has been called by Henry Drummond, *Greatest Thing in the World*. Percy Ains- calls it *St. Paul's Hymn to Love...* It is a l interpretation of the Sermon on the t—the beatitudes put to music. Nowhere Paul show more clearly how his thought ed by the spirit of the Lord Jesus.

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dy the Verses

ke a study of this immortal chapter by *verse*. First study:

Corinthians 13:1-3. Paul begins the chap- contrasting love with other things which rated very highly in that day. For example, ntrasts love with eloquence. The Greeks l oratory very highly and developed the f speech to a fine art. But Paul says that y without love is empty show. Robert

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Mar. 13. Topic—I Corinthians 13. I John 4:7-21.

I Corinthians 13

No. 3 in a Series: "Treasures in the New Testament"

I John 4:7-21

Intermediate — *MARCH 13* —

Ingersoll was one of the most eloquent orators in America. He lectured on such topics as *The Mistakes of Moses* or *The Error of Christian Doctrine*. For a time he was applauded, but soon the people found him out for what he was—a sounding brass and a clanging cymbal. Eloquence is empty show unless guided by the spirit of love.

Paul contrasts love with knowledge and faith. The ability to prophesy future events and to solve mysteries does not indicate that a person has arrived with God. The fact that some people are well educated will not save them. Their education may prove the key to their downfall. The world has never been more intelligent that it is today. Yet it has never been more wicked. Faith, without love, is insignificant.

Service is a false substitute for love. A minister in a small town told how, when the fire bell rang, he saw a man running frantically up the hill toward the fire. Soon the man returned walking leisurely. "Where is the fire?" the minister asked. "I really don't know," was the reply. "I got near enough to see that it was not our house, and I stopped and turned back."

In an eastern newspaper a story appeared of a man who went with haste to the home of a neighbor whose house was burning. While he was at work the message was brought that his own home was in flames. "Let it burn," he said, "there is a sick man in this house and I am not going to leave him die while I save my furniture."

I Corinthians 13:4-7. Henry Drummond calls this section the spectrum of love. "As you have seen a man of science take a beam of light and pass it through a crystal prism, as you have seen it come out on the other side of the prism broken up into its component colors—red and blue and yellow and violet and orange, and all the colors of the rainbow—so Paul passes this thing, Love, through the magnificent prism of his inspired intellect, and it comes out on the other side broken up into its elements."

1. *Patience.* Love is patience. "Love suffereth long." Bushness said, "It is not necessary for all men to be great in action. The greatest and sublimest power is often simple patience."

2. *Kindness.* "Kindness," says Goethe, "is the golden chain by which society is bound together."

3. *Trust.* Love envieth not. Chrysostom once said, "As a moth gnaws at a garment, so doth envy consume a man."

4. *Humility.* "Love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up." Moore states, "Humility, that low sweet root, from which all heavenly virtues shoot."

5. *Courtesy.* "Doth not behave itself unseemly." Most people are courteous some of the time. Christians are courteous all the time.

6. *Unselfishness.* "Seeketh not her own." The person who loves places others first; self last.

7. *Self-control.* "Is not easily provoked." Absolute control over one's faculties and behavior is the pride of the true Christian.

8. *Faith.* "Thinketh no evil." Love is not suspicious; it taketh no account of evil. Love is faith and trust.

9. *Sincerity.* "Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth." Love is not happy over injustice; it is only happy with the truth. Love will bear anything, believe in anything, hope for anything, endure for anything.

I Corinthians 13:8-13. Paul indicates that love is eternal. It will never pass away. Prophecies shall fail; tongues shall cease, knowledge shall change, but love will always abide, because love is of God. Drummond asks, "How better can we love?" "What makes a man a good artist, a good sculptor, a good musician? Practice. What makes a good linguist, a good stenographer? Practice. What makes a man a good man? Practice.

Love Never Fails

Love is not a mere emotion, but the most powerful thing in the world. "Love" as used by Paul is not a soft, sentimental thing but includes such grand ideas as good will and brotherly love to all people, even to those whom we have never seen. It is said that Love sometimes fails because of some shortcoming on the part of the one who loves, as illustrated by the love of an unwise, overindulgent mother. Or, love sometimes fails because of some lack on the part of those who are loved, Judas being cited as an example of such. But in reality it is always man who fails in these cases, not love.

Love never fails because it is seen in true Christian discipleship. God is love, Christ is God's love in action, but what about man himself? A few instances must suffice.

a. A Christian mother never ceases to love and pray for a faithless son. She dies without seeing him saved, but her life of devotion at last brings him to repentance. Even had the son continued in sin, the mother herself was kept sweet, kind and helpful by her love and faith. Otherwise she might have become hard and cynical.

b. About a century ago two American missionaries landed on the island of Sumatra. They were killed. Today, after subsequent missionary efforts (incidentally, by German missionaries) there are thousands of Christians on Sumatra. In the district where the first missionaries were killed, the natives ask before each communion service, "Are the sins of our fathers forgiven us?" "Yes." "Then may we come to the communion?" "Yes." The love of those martyrs who were true disciples did not fail.

Our Christian Endeavor Chapter

No. 4 in a Series:

"Treasures from the New Testament"

Romans 12

Senior-Young People — *MARCH 20* —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

Today marks the conclusion of the series *Treasures from the New Testament.* It has been a most helpful unit and should cause us to realize that there are countless undiscovered treasures in the wealth of God's Word. The leader should try to impress upon the society members the necessity of continuing the reading and appreciation of the Bible. A presentation of the pledge for Comrades of the Quiet Hour might well be presented. Today's topic is one very close to the heart of every true Endeavorer, for Romans 12 is the *Christian Endeavor Chapter.* It is so frequently used in society meetings or larger activities of our movement that we do well to understand and appreciate it better. Make clear its use and value. It is one of the finest chapters in the Bible. This is one of the topics that permit an Endeavorer or a pastor to lead a Bible study meeting of genuine value. It takes work, however, and good preparation, both by careful reading of this chapter itself, and by supplemental reading about it. Be sure each one knows where to find it, what it means, what further truth it may lead to, and how it can be a daily personal guide. Perhaps an experiment in choral reading of this chapter might be attempted. Voices of different range, and well prepared, would be most effective, both for this and other occasions.

The Christian Endeavor Chapter

Traditionally this has been known by this cherished name. Other organizations have claimed it also. Specifically, the first two verses have been called *The Christian Endeavor Verse,* also. Here indeed is one of the choice chapters of the Bible. The whole of it needs to be better appreciated. It lends itself well to both discussion and teaching. This particular four-weeks unit of *Treasure* topics permits a larger consideration of some of these Scriptural gems. Every Christian should know the locations of them in their Bibles and should have a large understanding of them. Some working knowledge is essential for an intelligent discipleship. If this is to be our organization's key chapter, then this too calls for special study on our part.

Daily Scripture Readings

M., Mar. 14. Concern For Salvation. Phil. 2:12,13.
T., Mar. 15. Knowing God's Will. Eph. 1:18-23.
W., Mr. 16. Influence of The Spirit. Luke 4:18,19.
T., Mar. 17. Peter's Second Sermon. Acts 3:12-26.
F., Mar.18. Vengeance Belongeth to God. Heb. 10:30, 31.
S., Mar. 19. Exhortation To Praise God. Psalm 100.
Sun., Mar. 20. Topic—Our Christian Endeavor Chapter. Romans 12.

The Scripture Setting

Coming from Paul's Epistle to the Church in Rome, the sixth of his Epistles, this chapter is surrounded by profound Christian gospel. This book is veritably a treasure house in itself. The theme of the Book of Romans is "the Gospel of God," the widest possible designation of the whole body of redemptive truth. Probably the key phrase in it is "the righteousness of God;" hence we can understand the reason for the teaching of the 12th chapter. Planning to visit Rome soon, Paul desired that the Christians there have a clear statement of the doctrines of grace, so bitterly attacked everywhere by legalistic teachers. We today need a clearer understanding of these doctrines and of the blessing they bring.

Preceding the 12th Chapter we find teaching regarding the guilt of the entire world, justification by the faith in Christ, Who alone is the remedy for sins. Much is said about justification, its method and its blessing. The believer is "justified," or made to appear just in the sight of God. This is possible because Christ, having borne the sins of man on the cross, man has been "made unto Him righteousness." The justified believer has been in court, only to learn that nothing is laid to his charge, Christ having paid the whole penalty. Union with Christ delivers the believer from the present power of sin. Seek out the verses that point up these truths in the early chapters of Romans.

The Meaning

There is so much contained in this chapter that the more detailed meanings must be dug out by each one separately, and in the meeting. Note the areas of Christian doctrine and living that are covered.

Sacrifice — only living sacrifice desired; our return for Christ's gift of life to us.
We are one body in Christ — all united in and by Him.
Love without dissimulation — let it be genuine, not with a veneer. Love our brothers, neighbors, enemies, and always Christ.
Kindly affection — giving preference to others. Heaven is made up of second class people. No "first raters" because each one is to rate others ahead of self.

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To study anew the Christian Endeavor Chapter.
2. To learn its lessons for our own daily use.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is the meaning of the Seed Thought?
2. Why is "present your bodies a living sacrifice" our reasonable service?
3. What is the meaning of "being constant in prayer"?
4. Search out the meaning of "live peaceably with all men."
5. After studying the chapter verse by verse, and discussing the meaning, what new understanding have you that you didn't have before?

Not slothful — never let zeal lessen. Be diligent in Lord's business.
Instant in prayer — be constant and faithful in prayer.
God's way of dealing with a problem — (a) rejoice in hope (b) be patient in tribulation (c) be constant in prayer.
Hospitality — distribute, or give, according to the necessity seen.
Bless, and curse not — we find cursing everywhere and blessing seldom, except through God. We are to be the exceptions.
Persecution — Normal for the Christian; to be expected.
Rejoice, or weep — share needs of others.
Be not wise in own conceits — humility brings power.
Live peaceably — with *all* men, as much as be possible, trusting Christ for help.
Coals of fire — if one does us evil and we return it, we too have sinned.
Overcome evil with good — the warm breeze will melt ice; so love and kindliness will triumph over all evil. There is no better way to "tell some one off" than to do some kindly thing for him. Go the second mile; he has no weapon to use in return.
Vengeance — What did God say here?

Its Implications Today

In personal relations, things are little different today than in Jesus' day. These teachings are as new as tomorrow morning. Let's apply them. Give time for discussion on what it means to be conformed unto the likeness of Christ. Verses 4 to 21 are filled with admonitions that need to be amplified for the practical understanding of young people today. The list above merely scratches the surface.

Are we offering our lives in "living sacrifice" by making these teachings come alive? It is but our "reasonable service."

A SEED THOUGHT

"Christ made the supreme sacrifice for us; He asks only that we make living sacrifice for Him."

Our Christian Endeavor Chapter

No. 4 in a Series:

"Treasures in the New Testament"

Romans 12

Intermediate — *MARCH 20* —

Our Aims

1. To discover the values in this choice chapter.
2. To gain knowledge as to why Christian Endeavorers use the first two verses so often.
3. To see how the admonitions in the chapter apply to us today.

For Discussion

1. What has been the cause of so many divisions in the Church?
2. Would we dare compromise the truth of the gospel in order to establish a union of denominations?
3. What role can youth play in interdenominational work?
4. How can youth of Christian Endeavor show a unity of spirit among all youth?
5. Name some problems today which demand the united effort of youth.
6. What are we doing as a society in this line of work in our city and community?
7. What project can we initiate to promote interdenominational fellowship?

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

The Spirit of the Crusader

Paul has been called the "Campaigner for Christ." We might with equal truth call him the great "Crusader for Christ." He had a genuine devotion to Christ that issued in a deep love for men. To him every city of the world rose as a challenge to the kingdom of Christ. Strapping on his shield of faith, and grasping his sword, which was the word of God, Paul went forth as a true Crusader.

He was willing to die for Christ. But he saw clearly that *living* for Christ was of even greater importance than *dying* for Christ. To go to one's death as a martyr in a high moment of devotion might be easy compared with the quality of consecration required for a long life of patient service. Paul knew that. And so he wrote, "I appeal to you, therefore, . . . to offer your bodies in a living sacrifice . . . " (Goodspeed translation.)

With an earnestness that was at least equal to that of Peter the Hermit, who roused the crusaders of the mediaeval period and with an insight that was more constructive, Paul appealed to the Romans to give themselves to the Crusade of Life for Christ. Carefully he set forth the rules. Every crusader for Christ must be humble and willing to work with others. He must be faithful in performing his part, small though it may be, as a member of the larger body of Christ. His love must be genuine. And finally, the Crusader must have in his heart a genuine bent for the good, that is coupled with a hatred and loathing of evil. The first crusade for every youth ought to be in the field of his own character.

This Chapter Challenges Youth Today

Before anyone can challenge another with a message or a call he must lead on in the direction to which he calls. The challenge to right living with which the Master challenges youth today is found—

1. *In His life.* Can you see that young man of thirty years facing life with all of its tremendous responsibilities? Yet never do we find a flaw. He meets temptations and solves problems that are far greater than any of us ever met, yet He is a perfect man. Do you not admire the manhood of Jesus? Does not His life challenge us to live nobler lives?

2. *In His teaching.* Jesus said at one time, "I am the Way." The Jesus-Way is what Christianity is being called in some places. Do you not think that the title is fitting? The teachings of Christ challenge us to a way of conduct that is unsurpassed.

3. *In the call to purity.* There is so much immorality in this as well as in every age, that it is a challenge to be pure. The right kind of living includes morality. This will sometimes mean ridicule or at least refusing to accept the invitations of some of those with whom we associate. Do we dare to accept the challenge of Christ above the invitations of friends?

4. *In the call to service.* We shall consider this topic more in detail next Sunday. Let it suffice now to say that the great tasks of the Church are calling to the youth of the world. They must be done. Augmenting the call of these tasks is the challenge of the Christ to take up our cross and follow Him. We cannot live right unless we live and work for Him.

The Message of Romans 12

Grow strong in the ways of Christ.
Train future teachers and leaders.
Bear any hardship for Christ's sake.
Allow nothing to interfere with your loyalty and service to Christ.
Play the game of life according to the rules.
You should first experience what you teach to others.
Do some thinking yourself, and Christ will help you to understand.
Even though we are imprisioned, the gospel cannot be held in bonds.
We should be willing to submit to any hardship if only the gospel may be furthered.
We can always depend on the faithfulness of Christ.
Avoid foolish quibbling and argument over little matters.
Be a careful student of the Word of God so that you may become an intelligent and trustworthy interpreter of its message.

Basing its program and work on this chapter Christian Endeavor seeks to promote among its members:

1. An earnest Christian life.
2. Efficiency and faithfulness in Church work.
3. Systematic and thorough Bible study.
4. Active efforts in works of philanthropy.
5. Christian sociability.

A Vital Youth Movement

We have lately been experiencing great changes in our national and individual life. Chaos and confusion has marked much of our striving. Customs and institutions of long standing have been questioned and in many instances have been cast aside. Upheaval and revolution marks the social sphere of life. What does it all mean and what will come out of it? It seems that youth must answer that. Youth must show the way out and lead the way back. A great group of youth bound together for good and moved with enthusiasm and vitality must solve the great world problems.

American Protestantism needs a youth movement possessed with the dynamic and vitality of the youth movements in Moslem lands. Such a vital movement inspired by Jesus Christ and based upon His principles would take the world for Christ. Such a vital movement would make America Christian in fact as well as in name.

Do you think that Christian Endeavor reaches far enough to perform this great service? What about all those others who are not connected with the Church at all? How could some such great movement be started? Would Christian youth answer the call?

To Close

Make letters and have members form the words CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Christ-like always we would be,
Hopeful to eternity;
Righteous in our work or play,
Industrious for Him each day;
Sincere in everything we do,
Truthful, just as He is true;
Intelligent to believe His Word,
Ambitious to spread it through the world;
Neighborly to everyone.

Earnest till the task is done;
Nightly praying for His way,
Dutiful to Him alway;
Energetic in His work,
Alert and willing, never shirk;
Vigorous to tell the world
Our Jesus is the Christ, the Lord;
Religious always in His way
These attributes, dear God, we pray.

Close with a period of consecration under the leader's or counselor's direction.

From The Book of Books

M., Mar. 14. Concern For Salvation. Phil. 2:12, 13.
T., Mar. 15. Knowing God's Will. Eph. 1:18,19.
W., Mar. 16. Influence of The Spirit. Luke 4:18,19.
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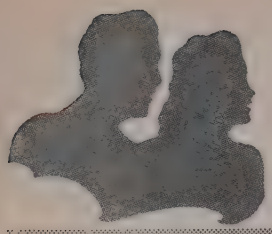


A Visit With Christ's Comrades

No. 1 in a Series:

"Along The Trail With Jesus"

Matthew 10:1-4; John 12:1-3; 17:8-10

Senior-Young People — *MARCH 27* —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

Another series of topics opens today. This one, entitled *Along The Trail With Jesus,* will make a fine Lenten study. These topics as a unit will give the opportunity for following the steps of the Master a little more closely. There is no better aim for Lent. Let the leader of this first topic, *A Visit With Christ's Comrades,* strive to take the Christian Endeavor society along an imaginary trail with Him, introducing them to His friends and companions. In so doing each one can become better acquainted with Him. Next week we will follow His trail through the places made holy by His presence. All the Scripture for today should be carefully read in advance, and an explanatory leader's talk prepared. It may be helpful to bring some additional books or literature, to which reference may be made in the meeting. Perhaps a film or set of slides may be available, one that shows some of Christ's friends. Again, a Bible teacher or pastor could be invited as a "resource leader" for the meeting. Use the "along the trail" idea to full advantage, both this week and next. Decorations, music, announcements should all follow this theme.

By this time special preparations for Easter and Holy Week should be well along. Let the leader check-up, to be sure that plans are developing for such activities as a Sunrise Service, group attendance at some special seasonal event, an Easter moving picture, etc.

Along The Trail

As one walks along the trail with Jesus much can be learned. The song "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" expresses some of the possibilities (and perhaps could be used this week or next in the Christian Endeavor meeting). There is a delightful informality and intimacy about this idea. Let's imagine ourselves walking along with Him.

A SEED THOUGHT

Choose your friends wisely,
Test your friend well;
True friends, like rarest gems,
Prove hard to tell.
Winter him, summer him,
Know your friend well.

It is surprising how much we can learn about a person through acquaintance with their friends, and with the places they go. To know a person's habits and friends is to know an immense amount about his character. As we have these imaginary visits with the comrades of our Master, so shall we be enabled to know what kind of friends we should be. Contrariwise, by their revelations shall we gain a greater concept of Him.

His Comrades

There are many who are well-known by their intimate association with Jesus. Doubtless the first who come to mind are the Apostles themselves. They walked and talked with Him, they shared eating, sleeping and fellowship experiences with Him. Indeed they shared in His miracles and His deeper teaching. All these things were a part of their daily experience for about three years. John was perhaps the one nearest to His heart. Known as the "beloved disciple," he has best expressed Christ's purpose and message in His Gospel. Peter and James were with Him in some of His more significant experiences. His close friends of Bethany, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, were refreshing to Him, and helpful throughout. Other close companions are Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Matthew, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene. One of those closest to Jesus was always His Mother Mary. All these reveal special things about our Lord. Each one exercised implicit faith in Him; their utter dependence was upon Him. Constantly they looked to Him for guidance and strength. He was life and hope personified for them.

Jesus is all things to all men, today as in His walk on earth. In that far-off day He was a trustworthy friend, a perfect example, an able leader, a wise counsellor, an excellent teacher, an authoritative preacher, a healer of the body, a bearer of burdens. Above all He came to be the Saviour, the Forgiver of sins. This and most of those preceding it, He remains to us today. As a Man sent from God He had the very words of Eternal Life. On one occasion when many had deserted Him, His friends came to Him for teaching. He asked them, "Will ye also go away?" Simon Peter wisely answered "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (John 6:67-69.) Such was the faith they had in Him, the trust that they placed in His promises. Never did one person find any fault in Him. Not even Judas, His betrayer, could accuse Him of any evil, or wrong-doing. He was indeed "a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." (Proverbs 18:24.)

He Walks Our Trail Also

Today the Lord Jesus Christ is all of this —and more. He is Friend, Example, Healer, Guide, and Saviour. Graciously He asks to be our Lord and Master, the total Ruler of our total lives. His promise "Lo I am with always" (Matthew 28: 20) is that of a derful and true Friend. He is still the loving, compassionate Redeemer that He to His comrades during the days of His ly pilgrimage.

The same way to receive the blessin His redemption and to be enriched by friendship is open today. When He wa the Judean roads and the shores of Ga He said simply, "Follow Me," or "Come see; try Me." Those who were wise qu arose and followed—even unto immor and undying reknown. The selfish and fo refused—unto condemnation and oblivion day He says still "Follow Me; If any will come after Me, let him deny hi and take up his cross daily, and follow (Luke 9: 23.) He promised an even c relationship than friend for the belie when He said, "—my *brethren* are which hear the Word of God, and do (Luke 8: 21.) And again, "Hencefor call you not servants;" said Jesus, "for servant knoweth not what His Lord d but I have called you *friend*—." (John 15.) So a glorious new intimacy is poss the friendship that is the "abundant Youth needs but say with those of old believe. Lo I come to do Thy will, O God." This is the great beginning of a vine friendship that never ends.

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To become better acquainted w the friends of Jesus.
2. To help us become better frie of His.

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

1. Is it helpful to think of Jesus familiar, common terms, "Along The Trail With Jesus," ing His friend, etc? Why?
2. What can we learn by knowin person's friends?
3. What do we learn from several the friends of Jesus? Give vari examples.
4. What does it require of us to Christ's "friend"?
5. How is He truly our Friend?
6. What do you feel is the most w derful thing about Jesus a man?
7. What is the most wonderful th about Him as God?
8. Does it cost us anything to Christ's friend?
9. What is a friend?
10. Are we walking "along the tr with Jesus?

For Meditation

M., Mar. 21. Called to Discipleship. Matt. 4:1
T., Mar. 22. Doubting Thomas. John 20:2
W., Mar. 23. Peter Reveals Christ. Mark 8:2
T., Mar. 24. Judas, The Betrayer. Matt. 26:25, 4
F., Mar. 25. John, The Beloved. John 13:23, 25; 19:26,
S., Mar. 26. Filled with The Holy Gh Acts 2
Sun., Mar. 27. Topic—A Visit With Chri Comrades. Matt. 1 John 12:1-3; 17:

Our Aims

1. To know what the Church expects of youth.
2. To be challenged by the adventurous enterprise of the Church.
3. To consecrate one's time and talent to service in the Church.

Questions

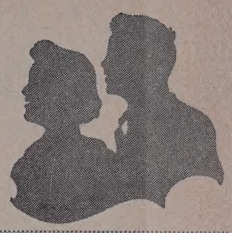
1. How can we best advertise our church?
2. Is a good test of our membership attending church services? Explain.
3. Is a second test of our membership supporting the Church? Explain.
4. How does missionary giving make our church strong?
5. Do non-members attending a church have any responsibilities?

Church Membership Brings Responsibility

No. 1 in a Series:

"For Christ and The Church"

Matthew 7:21-27; I Corinthians 3:8-15; Colossians 2:6, 7



Intermediate — *MARCH 27* —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

For the Meeting

One of the tenets of Christianity that distinguishes it from other religions is the willingness of every true follower of Christ to accept his share of the work to be done. There is no dodging of responsibility. Everyone accepts his part willingly. In the church and its organizations, in the home, and wherever the Christian may be, there is an acceptance of responsibility.

We must admit, however, that though this is the ideal, it is not always the actuality. "Let George do it" is too many times the attitude from the youngest member of the church to the oldest member. To retard the cause of the Kingdom of God by this attitude is just as sinful as to commit a more obvious sin. Seldom is this attitude taken consciously, but often the Christian Church is hindered because of indifference and lack of interest!

Let us face up to our responsibilities in this meeting. *First,* we shall have to accept some deserved scolding. Let the leader make it a time to show wherein we have failed. Let the realization of failure come first. Then, secondly, help the group to decide how all can do better. *Finally,* make the meeting a time of decision to accept responsibility.

Mock Council Meeting

The above point of view can be relayed in a very interesting manner through the staging of a little playlet. The playlet can be in the form of a mock Administrative Council (vestry or session) meeting, and where churches do not have the Council form of administration, a mock Official Board meeting can be substituted. Sample problems and programs can be created for discussion and adoption, such as: a program for liquidating the church indebtedness, a plan to remodel the church sanctuary, a tithing program within the congregation, an evangelistic campaign, the hiring of a sexton, organist, choir director, or some other paid employee of the church.

Daily Readings

M., Mar. 21. In The World, But Not of It. II Cor. 1:8-12.
T., Mar. 22. The Sower's Field. Matt. 13:36-43.
W., Mar. 23. Life For All Who Come. John 6:33-37.
T., Mar. 24. Ordained Missionaries. Acts 13:1-5.
F., Mar. 25. Beware . . . Forget Not. Duet. 8:10-14.
S., Mar. 26. The Good Man's Delight. Psalm 1.
Sun., Mar. 27. Topic—Church Membership Brings Responsibility. Matt. 7:21-27; I Cor. 3:8-15; Col. 2:6,7.

Much of your information concerning these matters can be secured from the minister and the members of the governing bodies of your church.

What Keeps Our Church Going?

I do not believe that anyone who reads this page will think of the "church" only in terms of a structure built of brick or wood. St. Paul sets us right when he speaks to all of us who "by grace are saved through faith." (Ephesians 2). He says that the Christian is no stranger to another Christian, but we are "fellow citizens with the saints," that is, with the "believers." Christ is the "cornerstone," of the holy temple, so the *real* church cannot be a mere piece of architecture, however grand.

The Bible teaches that the church is "the body of Christ." He is the head, and we who are saved by grace, become members of the Church and are part of His body. Now the Church is kept going by the Head, Christ Jesus, who exercises authority, and all united to Him by faith receive life, strength and guidance from Him.

There are three very significant words at the close of the above passage from Ephesians. They are "through the Spirit." That gives the answer to the question, What keeps our church going? Our church keeps going "through the Spirit" operating in the lives of redeemed persons. This explains the miracle of the Church as a living organism down through the centuries. The Spirit of God kept it alive, for human frailty would have killed the Church long ago.

In the practical working out of this matter, a certain amount of organization is needed. Jesus himself organized His inner circle of twelve learners whom He trained to preach the gospel. He organized soul-winning campaigns when He sent His workers out "two by two." When He fed the five thousand He directed them to be seated "in companies, by hundreds and by fifties." Some organization there must be, or chaos results.

Find out all you can about the organizational set-up of your church. Possibly a church council member would be a resource person for this meeting. Ask him to show how Christian Endeavorers can relate themselves to the church's program and activities.

Personal Character

It goes without saying that good, Christian character is the first requirement of effective workmanship in our Christian youth work. Many splendid skills and abilities are lost and prove ineffective in Christian work because the worker does not maintain a very high standard of character and moral conduct. Aside from our formulated programs we must remember that contagion of character is also a very important part of the program, too. It is not always what we do or say that counts most in a youth program. We need a large measure of Christian influence upon our lives which comes mostly by association with persons of fine moral and spiritual standards.

Therefore, if we, as leaders and workers, are sincerely bent upon improving our effectiveness as workmen let us begin at the place of a schedule of improvement in character. This will come primarily through devotion, prayer and meditation. But it comes also by a firmer exercising of one's will and faith toward Jesus and the ideals of His life and character. We need to renew daily our resolves to be more like the Master.

An Effective Worker Is

(1) *Dependable.* One quality which is more often lacking in youth than any other is dependability. Young people do not mean to be faithless but for the moment other interests attract more. The leader of the group then feels "let down" and he ceases to care. An effective worker can be counted on to carry through the responsibility he has been assigned.

Dick was assigned on the worship committee to plan the worship service for Sunday evening. While the committee met Dick was playing ball with the "gang" across the street. He did not mean to be irresponsible. He thought he could just finish the inning but it went half through the meeting. Dick came into the meeting with a guilty look on his face.

How could you help Dick to make him realize his responsibility to the rest of the committee?

(2) *Prayerful.* No worker will begin his task without prayer if he wants to succeed to the utmost. One of the objectives we set up for our society is to win Comrades of the Quiet Hour. Here is a place to put that fifteen minutes to work. One day of the week, the society could band themselves to pray for the meeting the following Sunday, another time to pray for the church, another time for their pastor, and still other times for peace, missions, and the conversion of souls.

How can prayer make me a more effective worker in my church?

What are some of the objectives for which the comrades of the quiet hour may pray?

(3) *Diligent.* "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed" is the Scriptural way of expressing the quality of this worker. No Christian is satisfied to do his work halfway. He is diligent in searching for new ways of spreading the gospel. He does it through taking part in the activities of the church and its organizations, by living a Christian life at all times, and by telling his friends about his Saviour.

Diligent workers will be a mean of evangelism. How can my Christian Endeavor group be diligent workers in this area?

Via The Eye and Ear

Dedication of Tools

by Amy Deck Faust

Perhaps you have often heard people decry the "commercialism" of our day. Ministers and educators realize that there is a grave danger in secularization and that the "materialism" of this time in history is a menace. However, it is much better to light candles than to curse the darkness. True, we are constantly besieged by advertising. We have commercials on the radio, television, by newspaper, and door to door circular. Yet, we must remember that we profit from technical improvements, if we do not let the machines master us.

The true Christian can make the technological age a blessing instead of a curse. It is no different than the challenge of other periods of history. In the days of plunder, armed robbery, famine, and tedious labor, mankind had to work to combat the secularization of his soul. Today, humanity faces problems that must be combated spiritually, but every generation has had to fight a spiritual warfare. Just now we do not generally have to war against the grueling hours of labor, or the pathetic conditions of child labor. Some problems exist in these areas, but the "man with the hoe" has largely disappeared. Our danger is apt to be the "man with the lawnmower, the fix-it-yourself kit, or the golf-club."

Material — For Good or Evil?

Instead of complaining about the materialism of our day, work to light a candle. This machine age, which sometimes may be deplored, has brought about a wealth of material which can be used to glorify God. The tool or the machine is innocent. It is neither good nor evil. Only the material placed within the tool and the operation by good or evil people bring about the final results.

This thrilling age has brought in a multitude of aids to worship and study, impossible a few years ago. For example, by means of an "opaque projector," or some form of this machine, pictures, charts, maps, diagrams, and small objects may be projected on the screen for the blessing and help of numbers of people. The wise church will purchase proper room darkening equipment, large size screen, and projection equipment to make such an education process possible. Poor equipment, lack of planning, and unskilled use of these tools will make the event far inferior to television. Proper planning, projection, and publicity, can make "learning enjoyable."

Although part of the value of opaque projection lies in the fact that the objects, pictures, and materials may be taken directly from the books, or worktable, another advantage lies in pupil participation. Why not have children write or draw their impressions of "My Church"? Children in all departments of the church school may make a visual report of their share in church work. This can also be done with colored slides, and motion pictures, but the process of photography must enter there. By some form of opaque projection, the actual object, if small, and the original map, drawing, or essay, may be projected.

This age has not only brought the opaque projector, slide and film strip projector, motion picture film projector, tape recorder, record player, and a host of other mechanical aids, but it has brought tools. A few years ago religious music albums were few and limited. Tape recorded music was non-existent. Films were costly and limited. Slides were expensive and not often related to the local church. Today there is a wealth of material.

A Service of Dedication

One of the best ways to present the challenge of visual aids is to carefully plan and present a dedication service in the local church. The average person does not know a tape recorder from a wire recorder. Or, at least is guilty of confusing a filmstrip projector with a 16mm projector. A public service of dedication can become an educational process, as well as a dedication.

The ancient Jews had a "hanukkah," or consecration often. They had a "kadhesh" to sanctify objects, or held a "herem" to devote something to the Lord. Read how the altar, money, temple, city walls, or dwellings of private individuals had to be dedicated to God. (Numbers 2, Samuel 8:11, Ezra 6:16, Nehemiah 12:27, and Deuteronomy 20:5.)

These dedicated objects became not only holy but meaningful to the people who had se them aside.

Why not choose meaningful hymns, poetry music selections, pictures, and scripture, to us in dedicating audio-visual tools to God? Ha your 16mm projector been dedicated? Perhap it needs to be cleaned, oiled, repaired, or trade on a new one, before such a service, but think "on these things." A table for the projector the right screen, the proper storage racks an cabinets, should also enter into the "job analy sis." Meaningful dedication of cleaned an well-handled tools becomes both a consecra tion and an education.

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